

Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

Proposed Maynooth - Woodland 220 kV Line Refurbishment, Counties Meath and Kildare

In accordance with Article 6(3) of the EU Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/EEC) and Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended ('The Regulations'), EirGrid has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of relevant European sites, if the proposed Maynooth - Woodland 220 kV Line Refurbishment project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects would be likely to have a significant effect (s) on a European Site(s). In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below:

- Rye Water Valley/Carton SAC [site code 1398];
- North Dublin Bay SAC [site code 206];
- South Dublin Bay SAC [site code 210];
- Baldoyle Bay SAC [site code 199];
- Malahide Estuary SAC [site code 205];
- Howth Head SAC [site code 202]:
- Rogerstown Estuary SAC [site code 208];
- Rockabill to Dalkey Island SAC [site code 3000];
- Ireland's Eye SAC [site code 2193];
- Lambay Island SAC [site code 204];
- North Bull Island SPA [site code 4006];
- South Dublin Bay and River Tolka Estuary SPA [site code 4024];
- Baldoyle Bay SPA [site code 4016];
- Malahide Estuary SPA [site code 4025];
- Ireland's Eye SPA [site code 4117];
- Rogerstown Estuary SPA [site code 4015];
- Howth Head Coast SPA [site code 4113]; and,
- Lambay Island SPA [site code 4069].

In accordance with Regulation 42(7) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 SI 477 as amended, EirGrid has made a determination following screening that an Appropriate Assessment is not required as the proposed development individually or in combination with other plans or projects is not likely to have a significant effect on any European

sites. The risk of likely significant effects on European sites can be excluded on the basis of objective evidence.

This determination is based on the location, scale, extent and duration of the proposed development, including temporary works, and this determination has not taken account of measures intended to avoid or reduce significant effects on European sites

Signed:

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